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**February 23, 2018**

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, February 26 7:00pm  
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Topic: "Identifying Upcounty Priorities for the Executive's FY 19 Operating Budget"**

*All board and committee meetings are open to the public!*

**Inclement Weather Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions:**

If Montgomery County Public Schools open late, BCC morning meetings are cancelled; if schools close early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, BCC afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled; if schools are closed all day, all BCC meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

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**METRO Makes Weekend Service Adjustments for Sat. Feb. 24 - Sun. Feb 25**

Here are highlights of Metrorail service changes for Saturday, February 24 - Sunday, February 25 to allow for safety and maintenance work:

- Buses replace Red Line trains between Wheaton and Glenmont
- Orange and Blue Line trains every 24 minutes
- Silver Line trains every 24 minutes between Wiehle-Reston East & Ballston
- Yellow and Green line trains every 16 minutes

For details, visit <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/details/weekend.cfm>

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***Montgomery Serves Awards***

**Deadline for nominations is today (Feb. 23) at 5:00pm!**

Find more information and links to the online forms at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunt...>  
For additional information, email [serviceawards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:serviceawards@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call 240-777-2600.

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**Board Members and Property Managers of Homeowners and Condo Associations, Co-ops and Multifamily Housing are Invited to Environmental Protection Open House**

**Sunday, February 25 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Silver Spring Civic Building**

**One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

***Doors open at 6:00pm***

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), along with the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) and the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) will present their first Environmental Protection Open House. The free event will take place at the Silver Spring Civic Building located at 1 Veterans Place. The Open House is targeted to board members and property managers of homeowners and condo associations, co-ops and multifamily housing. The presentation is hosted by the Commission on Common Ownership Communities within the County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The Open House features:

- One-on-one meetings with DEP staff about environmental questions. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions they commonly hear at their Common Ownership Communities (COC).
- Exhibitor hall with booths on environmental topics including, recycling, trees, energy, stormwater management and watershed education.
- Six free, 20-minute environmental workshops presented by DEP on the following topics:
  - Stormwater Facility Maintenance 101
  - Trash and Recycling for Residences and COCs
  - Landscaping Incentives
  - Reduce Your Water Quality Protection Charge
  - On-Site Composting
  - Energy Savings
- CCOC presentation on the Board Trainings, outlining the new requirements for COC Boards and what they can expect at future Commission-led Board Trainings.
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Registration for the Open House is required at [www.bitly.com/DEPOpenHouse](http://www.bitly.com/DEPOpenHouse). For questions about this event, email [askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov)

*The public is welcome to attend.*

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**COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**for Tuesday, February 27**

**Council Hearing Room**

**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

[http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=169&event\\_id=7619](http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7619)

***The Council Agenda is subject to change any time after printing or during the Council meeting.  
Please contact the Council Office or visit the website to obtain updates.***

**(240)777-7900 . TTY (240)777-7914 . FAX (240)777-7989**

**[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council)**

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## **Subject: MD 355 Crossing Project Update: Single Lane Closures on Rockville Pike in March and April, near Jones Bridge Road and Woodmont Avenue**

This is a look-ahead for planned single lane closures that will take place in March and April as part of MCDOT's MD 355 (Rockville Pike) Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station. **The lane closures will take place on WEEKDAYS ONLY, between 9:00am and 3:00pm.**

The purpose of the Crossing Project is to improve pedestrian safety and traffic and transit operations at the heavily congested Medical Center corridor. Over the past year we have experienced construction at the Metro Station of a shallow pedestrian underpass and deep east-side elevators to the Metrorail mezzanine. While this work continues, construction is set to begin g on Intersection Improvements at Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road/Center Drive (NIH) and at Rockville Pike/Woodmont Avenue.

Weather and work conditions permitting, MCDOT plans the following SINGLE LANE CLOSURES in March and April to begin intersection improvements:

- PLEASE NOTE that the following lane closures will take place on WEEKDAYS ONLY, between 9:00am & 3:00 PM
- March 5-9, 12-15: ROCKVILLE PIKE Between CHESTNUT & WOODMONT, Southbound and Northbound LEFT lanes Pike will be closed to demolish and replace the center island at Woodmont intersection.
- March 15, 19-21: ROCKVILLE PIKE Between SOUTH DRIVE (NIH) & WOODMONT, Southbound and Northbound LEFT lanes will be closed to demolish center island at Center Drive (NIH) intersection.
- March 22-23: ROCKVILLE PIKE Between SOUTH DRIVE (NIH) & WOODMONT, Southbound and Northbound LEFT lanes will be closed to demolish center island at Center Drive (NIH) intersection.
- March 26-30; April 2-6, 9-13, 16-18: WOODMONT AVE between ROCKVILLE PIKE & BATTERY, and ROCKVILLE PIKE between SOUTH CHELSEA & CENTER DRIVE (NIH), Southbound and Northbound LEFT lanes, and SOUTHBOUND RIGHT TURN FROM ROCKVILLE PIKE ONTO WOODMONT will be closed for work on the Rockville Pike/Woodmont Ave, Intersection

### **ABOUT THE CROSSING PROJECT:**

This work is part of the ongoing construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station, near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH, and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Naval Support Activity Bethesda. When it is completed by the end of 2021, the Crossing Project will provide a safe and more efficient environment for people and vehicles to get through this heavily trafficked area. The Crossing Project has two main components: 1) A shallow pedestrian underpass connecting Naval Support Activity Bethesda/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on the east side of Rockville Pike to NIH and the bus/commuter transit center on the west side; and 2) Deep elevators on the Navy side of Rockville Pike to the Metrorail mezzanine. The Crossing Project also includes pedestrian safety and traffic and transit improvements to the nearby intersections of MD 355 (Rockville Pike) @ Jones Bridge Road and at MD 355 @ Woodmont Avenue.

You can see pictures of the construction and of signs for safe pedestrian/cycling detours at: <http://md355crossing.com/project-resources/>

### **A SAFETY REMINDER:**

As construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station moves forward, the Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation {MCDOT} urges people to exercise caution as they walk, bike or travel near the construction zone. Please pay attention to all signs that have been posted for your safety.

**PLEASE WALK OR BIKE ONLY ON DESIGNATED CROSSWALKS, SIDEWALKS AND PATHS. DO NOT WALK OR BIKE IN THE ROAD OR IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE.**

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## Matching Mini-Grants Still Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

*The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund* was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. [Download the PDF](#) application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

*See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.*

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### Registration for MCPS Head Start / PreK Begins March 5!

Monday - Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Rocking Horse Road Center  
4910 Macon Road, Rockville

***Walk-in registration!***

Additional registration sites are located throughout the County. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Registration information available in: [SPANISH](#) [FRENCH](#) [CHINESE](#) [KOREAN](#) [VIETNAMESE](#) [AMHARIC](#)

Please call 301-230-0676 for more information or click [HERE](#)

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## 2017 Community Livability Report

County Executive Ike Leggett released an independent survey commissioned by the County that shows residents rating Montgomery County as a desirable place to live, raise children, work, and enjoy a good quality of life. The survey gives high marks to most County services while indicating areas for improvement in affordable housing, cost of living, and traffic congestion. Click [here](#) to see the 2017 survey reports in detail, as well as the 2007 and 2009 surveys. See [press release](#) for more information.

- View full report from [montgomerycountymd.gov/survey2017](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/survey2017).

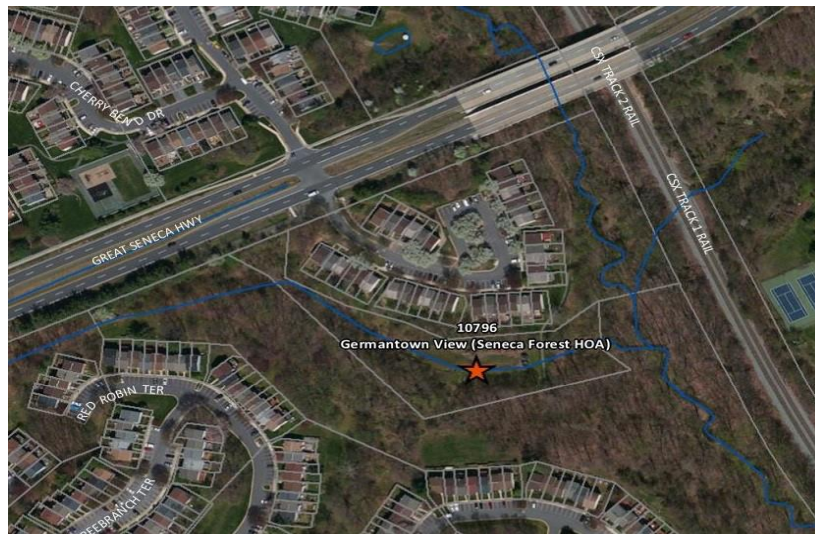
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***Public Meeting!***  
**Germantown View Stormwater Management Facility Retrofit**  
**Tuesday, March 13 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**Germantown Library (Room B)**  
**19840 Century Boulevard, Germantown**

Join Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection to learn about proposed enhancements to the Germantown View Stormwater Management Facility. This project is part of the County's goal to improve stream conditions in the Seneca Creek Watershed.

For information on the project, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/restorationprojects](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/restorationprojects)

If still more questions, contact: Tony Kakoullis, P.E.  
240-499-8531  
[Tony.kakoullis@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Tony.kakoullis@montgomerycountymd.gov)



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**The Mobile Commuter Store will be at the Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**Every Week!**  
**Mondays 7:00am-10:00am**  
**Tuesdays 10:30am-2:30pm**

Beginning February 26, Transit Services' "Mobile Commuter Store" will be at the Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center every Monday and Tuesday at designated hours. This will make it more convenient for residents to purchase Ride On passes, and MARC train tickets. You can also purchase and add value to SmarTrip cards. The Mobile Store also offers a broad range of services, including one-on-one assistance, transportation information, schedules and maps. Go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/commuter/index.html/index.html> to find where the bus will be on other days of each week. The Mobile Store is open to the public.

For more general information, read the [press release here](#).





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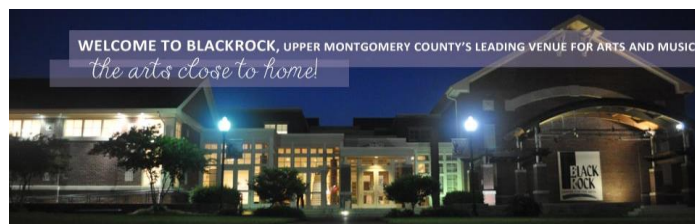
## *A message from WorkSource Montgomery . . .*

### **Help our Young Adults through Summer RISE**

Businesses and nonprofit organizations are needed to provide our future workforce with a head start this summer! Serve as a Career Experience Host for Montgomery County high school juniors and seniors for 3 weeks in July. Share your workday with a student and show them the opportunities they can pursue. They need you! Learn more and register today to serve as a career host at <https://summer-rise.com/info-for-hosts/>.

\* Provide a 3-week career experience to high school youth this summer! [Click here to register](#) for Summer R.I.S.E. 2018.

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### *A Note from BlackRock Center for the Arts*

[www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org)

#### **"What is there to do in Germantown on Friday nights?"**

This is the question I heard most when I moved here three months ago. I heard you, and now we've launched an exciting new concert series featuring an array of fantastic, award winning musicians. BYOF (Bring your own feast) or favorite takeout! Dance the night away at the B Concert series where you will B (be) entertained and energized. I am honored to be your new Executive Director and to make sure that there is plenty to do in Germantown.



Alyona Aleksandra Ushe  
Executive Director

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## ***Opening Soon!***


### **Laytonia Recreational Park**

Laytonia Recreational Park is currently under construction and slated to open to the public in 2017. When opened, the park will feature three lighted rectangular fields (two natural turf and one artificial turf), one lighted adult baseball field, a restroom and pavilion, playground, half-basketball court, trail network and parking.



M-NCPPC acquired the 34-acre park, which is at the corner of Airpark Road and Muncaster Mill in Rockville, in 1996.

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Maryland Civil Rights **Educational Freedom Experience**  
**April 7 -15, 2018**  
*Re-live History*



*Join us on an inspiration-filled experience as we travel south to explore the birth place of the Civil Rights Movement.*



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**Registration is now open for the Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience.**

The trip travels to the heart of the civil rights movement to retrace the Freedom Trail, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Greensboro sit-ins, voting rights, and other significant events of the Civil Rights Movement. Deadline for registration is March 16. Early registration is recommended to ensure a space on this popular tour, which is expected to fill to capacity. For registration or more information go to [Office of Human Rights Civil Rights Tour](#).

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**LM Program Recruitment**

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR ALL 2019 PROGRAMS**



**Deadline: April 13, 2018 | [leadershipmontgomerymd.org](http://leadershipmontgomerymd.org)**

Applications for CORE, SLM and EL programs are open! Please share with your networks and encourage your colleagues to apply. Deadline is April 13, 2018. For questions or further info, attend one of our [recruitment events](#) or contact [ali.levingston@leadermont.org](mailto:ali.levingston@leadermont.org).

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**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>